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Art Unit: 1763 )  
Filed: July 27, 2001 )  
Docket No. P0815 )  
Date: May 13, 2002 )  
For: Twist-N-Lock Wafer Area Pressure Ring )  
And Assembly )

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TOTAL CLAIMS	10	10	00	X09 = \$	OR X18 = \$
INDEP CLAIMS	04	04	00	X40 = \$	OR X80 = \$
[] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid				\$135	OR \$270
Total				\$	\$0

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**Preliminary Amendment**

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**Box Non-Fee Amendment**  
Washington, DC 20231

30 Sir:  
Please enter the following preliminary amendment prior to examining the  
above referenced patent application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

35 Please replace claims 4, 5 and 8 as follows:

1. A wafer area pressure confinement apparatus, comprised of a ring  
manufactured such that at least one hanging bore is present within said ring;  
40 said hanging bore receivably allowing a mating portion attached to the interior  
of a chamber to couple said ring.

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